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Amendments to the Claims

1. (original) A rodent trap, comprising:

a) a wall portion, a floor portion, a front portion, a top portion, and sides configured and arranged to define a cavity, said wall portion and said front portion being interconnected by said floor portion, said top portion, and said sides;

b) said cavity being between said wall portion and said front portion and configured and arranged to contain a rodent;

c) a trap assembly providing access to said cavity, said trap assembly allowing the rodent to enter said cavity and preventing the rodent from exiting said cavity; and

d) a removable insert receptacle configured and arranged to be housed within said cavity proximate said trap assembly, said removable insert receptacle being configured and arranged to contain the rodent within said cavity, wherein said removable insert receptacle is made of a non-destructible material thereby preventing escape of the rodent.

2. (original) The rodent trap of claim 1, wherein said removable insert receptacle is made of metal.

3. (original) The rodent trap of claim 1, further comprising a glue board contained within said removable insert receptacle, said glue board trapping the rodent within said removable insert receptacle.

4. (currently amended) The rodent trap of claim 1, further comprising climbing assisting members interconnecting said floor portion and said trap assembly, <u>said climbing assisting members being positioned between said wall portion and said front portion, between said floor portion and said top portion, and between said sides and being enclosed therebetween,</u> said trap assembly being elevated and said climbing assisting members assisting the rodent in accessing said trap assembly and entering said cavity, wherein said trap assembly provides an only entrance into said cavity thereby hindering contaminants from entering said cavity through said elevated trap assembly.



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5. (original) The rodent trap of claim 1, further comprising a maintenance card within said cavity, wherein said removable insert receptacle prevents the rodent from contacting said maintenance card, and wherein said maintenance card is protected from contaminants.

6. (currently amended) The rodent trap of claim 1, wherein said front portion has an appearance of a vent and said wall portion is operatively connected to a wall of a building.

7. (original) The rodent trap of claim 1, further comprising:

a) an opening in said removable insert receptacle proximate said trap assembly; and

b) an insert member configured and arranged to cover said opening in said removable insert receptacle, wherein said insert member prevents escape from said removable insert receptacle when placed about said removable insert receptacle and said removable insert receptacle is removed from said cavity.

8. (currently amended) A rodent trap, comprising:

a) a base having a wall portion operatively connected to a floor portion;

b) a cover having a front portion, a top, and sides, said top and said sides interconnecting said wall portion and said front portion, wherein said base and said cover cooperate to define a cavity therebetween, said cavity being configured and arranged to contain a rodent between said base and said cover;

c) a trap assembly providing access to said cavity; and

d) a metal removable insert receptacle configured and arranged to fit within said cavity proximate said trap assembly to contain a rodent within said cavity, said metal removable insert receptacle preventing the rodent from gnawing and clawing through said metal removable insert receptacle thereby preventing escape of the rodent.

9. (original) The rodent trap of claim 8, wherein said base and said cover are operatively connected to a building and have an appearance resembling a vent.

10. (original) The rodent trap of claim 8, further comprising a glue board contained within said metal removable insert receptacle, said glue board trapping the rodent within said metal removable insert receptacle.



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11. (original) The rodent trap of claim 8, further comprising a maintenance card within said cavity, wherein said metal removable insert receptacle prevents the rodent from contacting said maintenance card, and wherein said maintenance card is protected from contaminants.

12. (currently amended) A rodent trap, comprising:

a) a housing including a cavity configured and arranged to contain a rodent within said housing;

b) a trap assembly providing access to said cavity; and

c) a removable insert receptacle configured and arranged to fit within said cavity proximate said trap assembly to contain a rodent, said removable insert receptacle being made of a non-destructible material thereby preventing the rodent from gnawing and clawing through said removable insert receptacle.

13. (original) The rodent trap of claim 12, wherein said housing includes a base and a cover.

14. (original) The rodent trap of claim 12, wherein said housing is configured and arranged for attachment to a structure and has an appearance of a vent attached to the structure.

15. (original) The rodent trap of claim 12, wherein said removable insert receptacle is made of metal.

16. (currently amended) The rodent trap of claim 12, further comprising climbing assisting members, said climbing assisting members being positioned between said wall portion and said front portion, between said floor portion and said top portion, and between said sides and being enclosed therebetween, wherein said trap assembly is elevated, said climbing assisting members interconnecting said housing and said trap assembly and assisting the rodent in accessing said trap assembly and entering said cavity, wherein said trap assembly provides an only entrance into said cavity thereby hindering contaminants from entering said cavity.

17. (original) The rodent trap of claim 12, further comprising a maintenance card within said cavity, wherein said removable insert receptacle prevents the rodent from contacting said maintenance card, and wherein said maintenance card is protected from contaminants.

18. (currently amended) A rodent trap, comprising:



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a) a base having a wall portion and a cavity, said wall portion being configured and arranged to be operatively connected to a wall~~, said cavity being configured and arranged to contain a rodent~~;

b) a trap assembly providing access to said cavity, said trap assembly allowing the rodent to enter said cavity and preventing the rodent from exiting said cavity; and

c) a housing covering said base and having an opening allowing access to said trap assembly and said ~~base~~ cavity, said housing enclosing said cavity to contain a rodent within said cavity, said housing having an appearance resembling a vent, wherein said housing covering said base appears to be a vent operatively connected to the wall.

19. (original) The rodent trap of claim 18, wherein said housing appears to be an interior heat vent.

20. (original) The rodent trap of claim 18, wherein said housing appears to be an exterior exhaust vent.

21. (original) The rodent trap of claim 18, further comprising a removable insert receptacle configured and arranged to fit within said cavity proximate said trap assembly to contain the rodent, said removable insert receptacle being made of a non-destructible material thereby preventing the rodent from gnawing and clawing through said removable insert receptacle.

22. (original) The rodent trap of claim 21, wherein said removable insert receptacle is made of metal.

23. (original) A device for trapping a rodent, comprising:

a) a cover and a base defining a cavity and configured and arranged to resemble a vent operatively connected to a wall, said cover inter-fitting on said base;

b) a removable insert receptacle inside said cavity, said removable insert receptacle being configured and arranged to contain a rodent within said cavity, said removable insert receptacle being removable from said cavity to assist in readily disposing of the rodent;

c) a trap assembly providing access to said cavity and said removable insert receptacle, said trap assembly allowing the rodent to enter said removable insert receptacle



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within said cavity and preventing the rodent from exiting said removable insert receptacle thereby trapping the rodent within said removable insert receptacle; and

d) at least one opening in said cover allowing access to said trap assembly, said cavity, and said removable insert receptacle.

24. (original) The device of claim 23, wherein the removable insert receptacle is made of a non-destructible material through which the rodent is unable to gnaw and claw to escape therefrom.

25. (original) The device of claim 23, wherein said cover resembles an exterior vent.

26. (original) The device of claim 25, wherein said cover resembles an exhaust vent.

27. (original) The device of claim 23, wherein said cover resembles an interior vent.

28. (original) The device of claim 27, wherein said cover resembles a heat vent.

29. (original) A rodent trap, comprising:

a) a base including a wall portion operatively connected to a floor portion;

b) a cover including a front portion, a top, and sides, said top and said sides interconnecting said wall portion and said front portion, wherein said base and said cover cooperate to define a cavity between said wall portion and said front portion, said cover including an opening allowing access to said cavity, said cavity being configured and arranged to contain a rodent;

c) a platform operatively connected to said wall portion within said cavity, said platform being elevated with respect to said floor portion;

d) climbing assisting members extending at an upward angle proximate said floor portion and said opening in said cover to said platform, said climbing assisting members allowing the rodent to climb from said floor portion to said platform; and

e) a trap assembly operatively connected to said platform within said cavity proximate said climbing assisting members, said trap assembly allowing the rodent to enter said cavity and preventing the rodent from exiting said cavity, said trap assembly providing an only entrance into said cavity, said platform elevating said trap assembly thereby assisting in



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preventing contaminants from entering said trap assembly, said cover also assisting in preventing contaminants from entering said cavity.

30. (original) The rodent trap of claim 29, further comprising a lock member operatively connected to said cover and a lock receiver operatively connected to said base, said lock member engaging said lock receiver when said cover is operatively connected to said base thereby releasably locking said cover to said base.

31. (original) The rodent trap of claim 29, wherein said wall portion includes an aperture through which a fastener is inserted to secure said wall portion to a wall.

32. (original) The rodent trap of claim 29, wherein said floor portion includes an aperture through which a fastener is inserted to secure said floor portion to a floor.

33. (original) The rodent trap of claim 29, further comprising a ledge operatively connected to said base above said platform, said ledge and said cover assisting in preventing contaminants from entering said trap assembly and said cavity.

34. (original) The rodent trap of claim 29, further comprising a removable insert receptacle configured and arranged to fit within said cavity, said trap assembly providing access to said removable insert receptacle, said removable insert receptacle containing the rodent within the cavity and being made of a non-destructible material thereby preventing escape of the rodent.

35. (original) The rodent trap of claim 34, further comprising a maintenance card within said cavity, wherein said cover and said removable insert receptacle prevent contaminants from contacting said maintenance card.

36. (original) The rodent trap of claim 29, wherein said cover has an appearance of a vent.

37. (original) A rodent trap, comprising:

a) a base having a wall portion operatively connected to a floor portion, said wall portion including an elevated platform;

b) a cover cooperating with said base to define a cavity, said cavity containing said elevated platform;

c) climbing assisting members interconnecting said floor portion and said elevated platform; and



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d) a trap assembly operatively connected to said elevated platform, said elevated platform elevating said trap assembly within said cavity relative to said floor portion, wherein said base, said cover, and said elevated platform assist in preventing contaminants from entering said trap assembly and said cavity.

38. (original) The rodent trap of claim 37, wherein said cover has an appearance resembling a vent.

39. (original) The rodent trap of claim 37, further comprising a ledge operatively connected to said base above said platform, said ledge and said cover assisting in preventing contaminants from entering said trap assembly and said cavity.

40. (original) The rodent trap of claim 37, further comprising a lock member operatively connected to said cover and a lock receiver operatively connected to said base, said lock member engaging said lock receiver when said cover is operatively connected to said base thereby releasably locking said cover to said base.

41. (original) The rodent trap of claim 37, further comprising a removable insert receptacle configured and arranged to fit within said cavity, said trap assembly providing access to said removable insert receptacle, said removable insert receptacle containing the rodent within the cavity and being made of a non-destructible material thereby preventing escape of the rodent.

42. (original) The rodent trap of claim 41, further comprising a maintenance card within said cavity, wherein said cover and said removable insert receptacle prevent contaminants from contacting said maintenance card.

43. (original) A rodent trap, comprising:

a) a housing including a cavity and an opening, said cavity being configured and arranged to contain a rodent;

b) an elevated trap assembly contained within said cavity, said opening providing access to said elevated trap assembly and said elevated trap assembly providing access to said cavity, said trap assembly allowing the rodent to enter said cavity and preventing the rodent from exiting said cavity; and

c) climbing assisting members assisting the rodent in accessing said trap assembly and entering said cavity, wherein said trap assembly provides an only entrance into said cavity thereby hindering contaminants from entering said cavity through said elevated trap assembly.

44. (original) The rodent trap of claim 43, wherein said housing includes an aperture through which a fastener is inserted to operatively connect said housing to a structure.

45. (original) The rodent trap of claim 44, wherein said housing has an appearance of a vent attached to the structure.

46. (original) The rodent trap of claim 43, wherein said housing includes a base and a cover.

47. (original) The rodent trap of claim 46, further comprising a lock member operatively connected to said cover and a lock receiver operatively connected to said base, said lock member engaging said lock receiver when said cover is operatively connected to said base thereby releasably locking said cover to said base.

48. (original) The rodent trap of claim 43, further comprising a removable insert receptacle configured and arranged to fit within said cavity, said elevated trap assembly providing access to said removable insert receptacle, said removable insert receptacle containing the rodent within the cavity and being made of a non-destructible material thereby preventing escape of the rodent.

49. (new) A method of trapping a rodent, comprising:

a) providing a rodent trap including a base, a cover, an elevated trap assembly, and climbing assisting members, the base and the cover cooperating to define a cavity therebetween, the cavity configured and arranged to contain a rodent between the base and the cover, the cover including an opening proximate a bottom portion of the cover, the elevated trap assembly being between the base and the cover and being elevated relative to the bottom portion of the cover, the elevated trap assembly providing an only entrance into the cavity, the climbing assisting members extending upward proximate the opening of the cover to proximate the elevated trap assembly between the base and the cover; and

b) the rodent entering the rodent trap through the opening in the cover, climbing the climbing assisting members, entering and going through the elevated trap assembly, entering the



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cavity and being trapped within the cavity by the elevated trap assembly, the rodent being trapped within the cavity until the cover is removed from the base of the rodent trap.

50. (new) The method of claim 49, the base, the cover, and the climbing assisting members of the rodent trap hindering contaminants from entering the elevated trap assembly and the cavity.

51. (new) The method of claim 49, the base being operatively connected to a wall of a building and the cover having an appearance of a vent.



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